

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday June 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Virginia Wilkins and Councillors Judy Campbell and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, C.A.O.; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 people and one media representative

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

08-162 MOVED Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

G.6 Letter to City of Quesnel in regards to agreement in principle for providing transit services

H.3 District of Wells 2008 Annual Report

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

08-163 MOVED Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIL

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

08-164 MOVED Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 08.06.01 BC Hydro re: Cariboo/Chilcotin/Coast Issues Update

2. 08.06.04 Barry Penner, Minister of Environment re: BC Air Action Plan

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 08.06.02 Michael Wallace re: FM Radio Station in the District of Wells
The Administrator noted that the possibility of forming a local FM radio station in Wells is something that the District of Wells has considered in the past, but have never had the opportunity to pursue. He said that using the Wells Community School as a site for the transmitter and antenna would be fine.

08-165 MOVED Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** staff write a letter to Michael Wallace giving him permission to put the antenna for his proposed FM radio station on the roof of the Wells Community School, as well as permission to house the transmitter and computer necessary for the operation of the FM radio station in a storage room on the top floor of the Wells Community School.

Carried Unanimously

2. 08.06.02 Gordon Campbell, Premier, and Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services re: Comments on LocalMotion and Towns for Tomorrow initiatives. The Administrator noted that it might be prudent to send a letter to Premier Gordon Campbell and Minister of Community Services Ida Chong noting that the LocalMotion and Towns for Tomorrow initiatives were positive for the District of Wells.
08-166 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** staff write a strong letter of support to Premier Gordon Campbell, and Minister of Community Services Ida Chong, for the LocalMotion and Towns for Tomorrow initiatives.

Carried Unanimously

3. 08.06.04 Denny Gelinis, Regional Executive Director, Canadian Heritage re: Confirmation of \$800.00 "Celebrate Canada!" grant. The Administrator provided an overview of the 08.06.04 Denny Gelinis, Regional Executive Director, Canadian Heritage letter re: Confirmation of \$800.00 "Celebrate Canada!" grant, noting that the funds were proposed to be used for the purchase of a giant cake for the Canada Day festivities and fireworks.
08-167 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the 08.06.04 Denny Gelinis, Regional Executive Director, Canadian Heritage letter re: Confirmation of \$800.00 "Celebrate Canada!" grant be received.

Carried Unanimously

4. 08.06.10 UBCM re: Call for nomination for UBCM Executive. The Administrator gave an overview of the 08.06.10 UBCM letter re: Call for nominations for UBCM Executive.
08-168 **MOVED** Councilor Judy Campbell Seconded Councilor Richard Wright **THAT** the 08.06.10 UBCM letter re: Call for nomination for UBCM Executive be received.

Carried Unanimously

5. 08.06.10 Northern Caucus re: Barkerville Highway Paving Announcement. General discussion took place in regards to the Barkerville Highway paving
08-169 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the 08.06.10 Northern Caucus letter re: Barkerville Highway Paving Announcement be received.

Carried Unanimously

6. 08.06.11 Cathy Ulrich, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Health re: NCMA Meeting. The Deputy Clerk gave an overview of his ongoing discussions with Northern Health in relation to access to healthcare for Wells and area residents.
08-170 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the 08.06.11 Cathy Ulrich, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Health letter re: NCMA Meeting be received.

Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting with Mayor of Quesnel, Nate Bello, to discuss Cariboo Regional District governance.
The Administrator noted that Mayor of Quesnel, Nate Bello was interested in meeting with representatives from the District of Wells to discuss Cariboo Regional District governance. Councillor Richard Wright and Acting Mayor Virginia Wilkins noted that they would be interested in meeting with Mayor Nate Bello.
08-171 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the Administrator arrange a meeting date with Mayor Nate Bello of Quesnel to discuss Cariboo Regional District governance.
Carried Unanimously
2. Possible date for MLA Cariboo North Bob Simpson presentation to Council.
General discussion took place in regards to the best date for a meeting with MLA Cariboo North Bob Simpson.
08-172 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** staff invite MLA Cariboo North Bob Simpson to attend the August 5, 2008 District of Wells Council meeting.
Carried Unanimously
3. District of Wells bank accounts.
The Administrator recommended undertaking a review of our Royal Bank bank accounts and credit cards with a view to changing to Integris Credit Union. He said that this switch could possibly save money and increase efficiency.
08-173 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** Council authorizes staff to examine options for transferring the District of Wells' bank and credit card accounts from the Royal Bank to Integris Credit Union.
Carried Unanimously
4. UBCM Accommodations Update.
The Administrator noted that the hotel where the District of Wells made their hotel reservations for the UBCM Convention in Penticton had gone into receivership, and that the District of Wells currently only has two, two-bedroom suites for the UBCM Convention instead of the four that were booked. It was noted by the Acting Mayor and Councillors that two, two-bedroom suites should suffice.
5. District of Wells agreement with Wells & District Chamber of Commerce re: Grant Writing and Visitor Information Centre Building Rental
The Administrator provided an overview of the purpose for the agreement with the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce.
08-174 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** Council authorize the District of Wells to enter into contracts with the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce for the provision of grant writing services to the District of Wells and for the rental of the Visitor Information Centre building to the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce.
Carried Unanimously
6. Letter to City of Quesnel in regards to agreement in principle for providing transit services.

The Deputy Clerk gave an overview of the District of Wells letter to City of Quesnel, noting that the District of Wells is seeking an agreement in principle with Quesnel for the provision of transit services to the District of Wells.

- 08-175** **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** the District of Wells enter into an agreement in principle with the City of Quesnel for the provision of transit services between Quesnel and Wells.
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report
Councillor Judy Campbell asked staff to remove item #07-71 from the Outstanding Action Items Report. Discussion took place in regards to the condition of the fence bordering the Jack O'Clubs Casino property. General discussion took place in regards to the Outstanding Action Items Report.
08-176 **MOVED** Councillor Judy Campbell Seconded Councillor Richard Wright **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Items Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 08.05.01 to 08.05.31
General discussion took place in regards to the Cheque Register.
08-177 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4854 to 4886 for the period of May 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008 for a total amount of \$22,494.45.
Carried Unanimously
3. District of Wells 2008 Annual Report
The Administrator gave an overview of the District of Wells 2008 Annual Report.
08-178 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** the District of Wells 2008 Annual Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Noise Control Bylaw, No. 93, 2008
08-179 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve District of Wells Noise Control Bylaw, No. 93, 2008.
Carried Unanimously
2. District of Wells Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 94, 2008
08-180 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve District of Wells Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 94, 2008.
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Richard Wright asked if staff had met with the owners of the Northwoods Restaurant in regards to the unsightly nature of their property. The Administrator said that he hadn't had a chance to meet with the owners, but would attempt to meet with them prior to the next Council meeting. Councillor

Richard Wright also noted that something needed to be done in regards to the collection of junk on the property on Mildred Avenue commonly known as "Tee-Pee Town." The Administrator noted that the municipality was limited in regards to what could be done in regards to cleaning up residential properties within the District of Wells. Councilor Richard Wright said that perhaps the Fire Chief could examine the safety of the "Tee-Pee Town" property.

08-181 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** the Fire Chief create a report documenting properties within the District of Wells that he feels represent a potential fire hazard.

Carried Unanimously

Councilor Richard Wright also noted that water that is high in mineral content might lead to an abnormal number of kidney stones amongst the residents of Wells. Councilor Richard Wright suggested canvassing the community to find out if an abnormally high number of citizens have had kidney stones, as this could be beneficial in procuring funding for upgrading the water system.

Councilor Virginia Wilkins thanked Councilor Richard Wright for bringing in the Salmon Armenians to play at the Theatre Royal Gala Opening.

2. Staff:

The Superintendent of Public Works thanked Michael Wallace for his efforts in attempting to bring a local FM radio station to Wells, and encouraged him to play local Wells, Barkerville, Bowron Lakes musicians. Michael Wallace said that he hopes to play a lot of local content if his plans for a radio station come to fruition.

3. Public Gallery:

Neil Vant, a member of the public gallery, noted that it was Government Agent's Day in Barkerville on June 19, 2008 and that there would be a government agent available during the summer. Mr. Vant also thanked the Municipality for the fact that his municipal tax bill was lower in 2008 than the previous year. Mr. Vant also noted that there were some historical inconsistencies in the plaque on the Wells Community Hall. It was noted by Councillor Richard Wright that if Mr. Vant could suggest the correct wording then the sign could be corrected.

Aleta Wallace, a member of the public gallery, noted that with their two-stage home filtration system the hard water problem has been eliminated from their plumbing system.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

08-182 **MOVED** Councillor Richard Wright Seconded Councillor Judy Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:21 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO